

Hello,

I oppose the NAB's petition 04-160 to restrict XM satellite radio from broadcasting local weather and traffic reports. I remember when cable and satellite television was introduced; the NAB was concerned that regular television broadcasting companies would suffer. Maybe some of those companies did suffer, but, as is the case with all competitive business ventures, the better product prevailed, and now I can get my weather reports instantly from THE WEATHER CHANNEL instead of having to wait until some local news channel gets around to their nightly forecast. The public has always been the beneficiary of improved products, and the less innovative companies have traditionally gone the way of the dinosaur. It is the natural progression for businesses to evolve, and I believe XM is the future of radio, but the future is already here. XM gives me the weather and traffic when I need it, which is right now! Please don't disappoint and inconvenience millions of satisfied paying customers, so vote in favor of XM.

Thank you,

Patrick Cafaro